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Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to advise that Clothes Aid has terminated the contract of our collector Mr Des Queenan with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008.

We suspected illegal activities so hired a Private Investigator. The collector was caught on video camera loading an unauthorised truck with stolen donations for both Birmingham Children's Hospital & Make-a-Wish Foundation UK, for personal financial gain with none of the proceeds going to either charity. This is a serious breach of his contract with Clothes Aid. We take very seriously the damage a rogue individual such as Mr Queenan can do to our industry & our charity partner's reputation

Mr Queenan was arrested by West Midlands Police and is currently on police bail pending enquiries. We fully intend to prosecute and have the backing of both charities.

I have enclosed the permit for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Our contract with Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity expires on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and we will not be renewing it. Any outstanding returns will be forwarded within the next few days.

I understand that Mr Queenan still has charity collections bags in his warehouse that we are unable to retrieve at this moment. We are concerned that he may continue to use these bags. If you do notice any collections on behalf of either Birmingham Children's Hospital or Make-a-Wish Foundation UK, then this needs to be dealt with by yourselves as an unauthorised collection and should be dealt with accordingly.

I would be most appreciative if you could advise me if you receive an application from Mr Queenan to conduct a house to house collection in the future.

We will commence collections for Make a Wish from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009; I will write to you before and give you the details of our new collection leader

May I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely

  
Jakki Taylor  
Head of Licensing & Charity Promoter

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